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Abandoned Puppy Left to Die in Burtonsville Parking Lot

Animal Services Division Seeks Public's Help in Investigation

Derwood, MD – The Montgomery County Department of Police, Animal Services Division (ASD) is seeking the public's help in providing any information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for abandoning a puppy in a parking lot in the 4200 block of Tazewell Terrace, Burtonsville, Maryland.

The six to seven week old "Pit Bull" puppy, now called "Clark Kent," was found to be underweight and experiencing seizures with no apparent, underlying medical cause other than malnutrition.

According to the lead investigator on the case, "The puppy was found moments from death in a dirty crate in a parking lot on Tazewell Terrace in Burtonsville. The puppy is alive due to the rapid medical intervention by the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center's doctors."

The Animal Services Division is investigating this as a case of criminal neglect for the owner who failed to provide veterinary care for their injured puppy and is also looking into charges of animal abandonment. Depending on the investigation, this may be considered a misdemeanor or felony.



The puppy, which is currently in a foster home, will be made available for adoption once the case has closed and he is given medical clearance.

Anyone with information can contact the Montgomery County Department of Police Anonymous Tip-line. Users can:

- Call 240-773-TIPS (8477) (English, Spanish, French 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week)
- Text 274637 (CRIMES) in the "to" line. In the message body, type MCPD, a space, and then your crime tip information.

About the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center:

The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center (MCASAC), operated by the Department of Police, Animal Services Division, provides high-standard sheltering and care to the homeless, abused, and neglected animals in our community and ensures the safety and welfare of the county's citizens. We are the county's only open-admission, municipal shelter. Through adoptions, education, outreach, and more, MCASAC serves as a critical community resource to promote and advocate for responsible pet care. Animal Services Officers are on-call seven days a week to investigate citizen complaints and respond to animal emergencies 24 hours a day. For more information, please visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/asd.

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